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A.—(a) Concessions have been withdrawn from the following reserves :—

(1) Guruvankota.
(2) Karniggadde.
(3) Kursegudde.
(4) Harkur.
(5) Chittoor.
(6) Mudaregudde.
(7) Hosabettu.
(8) Todar.
(9) Nire.
(10) Vorwardy.
(11) Mavinguly.
(12) Kassankotti.
(13) Veeracomba.

(b) The concessions will be withdrawn gradually in all reserves.
(c) Yes.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :— "May I know, Sir, whether in view of the representations received from the various public bodies in South Kanara, the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to reconsider this matter and see what can be done?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Unless new facts are placed before me, I am not prepared to reconsider the matter."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know, Sir, as to why the Government should have thought of removing these concessions especially at this time when the ryot is suffering acutely from the general depression?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :— "As I stated, Sir, yesterday or the day before, the privileges were considerably abused."

*Representation from the Catholic Association regarding withdrawal of forest concessions to ryots.*

* 55 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation has been received from the South Kanara Catholic Association requesting that the Government Order withdrawing privileges enjoyed by the villagers in certain forests should be cancelled; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

*A.*—(a) Yes.

(b) The representations were carefully considered and it was decided that there were no grounds for cancellation of the order.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the table the memorandum received from the South Kanara Catholic Association?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" All the papers have been placed on the table. They are printed as appendix to the answer."

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Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"That memorandum has not been printed. Will the hon. the Law Member please see that that memorandum is published, if it has not been already ordered to be published?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Oh, yes. I have no objection."

## Prisons and Prisoners

*Number of political prisoners confined in jails on the 1st July 1933.*

* 56 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of political prisoners in jails on 1st July 1933;

(*b*) how many of them are yet to serve a term of more than six months; and

(*c*) how many of them were convicted in this Presidency and how many of them were brought from outside?

*A.*—(*a*) 480.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not possible for the Government to get the information and furnish it to the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Certainly it is possible, but I am afraid that it will not serve any useful purpose to obtain it. If, however, my hon. Friend is very particular, I shall consider the suggestion of getting it."

## Inland Waterways

*Expenditure on account of the maintenance of the Buckingham canal.*

* 57 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boats, along with their total tonnage, that were plying for hire in the Buckingham Canal in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930; and

(*b*) the amount of money spent by the Government for keeping that canal in a state of repair in the years 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930?

*A.*—(*a*)

| Year. | | Number of boats—cargo and passenger. | Total tonnage—cargo and passenger. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1900–01 | .. | Not available. | 159,015 |
| 1910–11 | .. | Do. | 281,943 |
| 1920–21 | .. | 2,012 * | 142,284¼ |
| 1930–31 | .. | 2,340 * | 114,709½ |

* These figures include all kinds of boats that plied in the canal. Separate figures giving the number of boats that plied for hire, and of those belonging to Government departments and private individuals that did not ply for hire are not available.